

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

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Abstract

This invention relates generally to cells and cell lines that are permissive for hepatitis C virus (HCV) replication, and methods and materials for making and using them. The subject cell line referred to as Huh-7.5 has the A.T.C.C. designation number PTA-8561, having been deposited on August 1, 2007.